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SUBJECT: 30TH GA DEBATE ON THE PALESTINE QUESTION

1. UNGA DEBATE ON PALESTINE, WHICH CONCLUDED ON NOVEMBER 7, WAS A GENERALLY LACKLUSTER AFFAIR, HIGH ON INVECTIVE, BUT IN NO WAY APPROACHING THE DRAMA SURROUNDING LAST YEAR'S APPEARANCE OF YASSIR ARAFAT AND THE DEBATE AT THAT TIME. ARABS, INCLUDING PLO AND ISRAELIS, OFFERED NO CHANGES OR COMPROMISES IN THEIR POSITIONS. EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS WERE ABLE TO OVERCOME THEIR DIFFERENCES AND GET TOGETHER ON A FORMULA FOR INVITING THE PLO "TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL EFFORTS, DELIBERATIONS AND CONFERENCES ON THE MIDDLEEAST WHICH ARE HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

2. ALTHOUGH ISRAELI DEL WAS INSCRIBED TO SPEAK EVERY DAY,
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IT DID NOT EXERCISE THIS RIGHT, AVOIDING A REPETITION OF

LAST YEAR'S CONTROVERSY OVER THE NUMBER OF TIMES ISRAEL WAS ENTITLED TO SPEAK. THE NEW ISRAELI PERM REP, AMBASSADOR HERZOG, TURNED IN A SPIRITED AND CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE, SPEAKING FOR ISRAEL WITH VERVE AND IMAGINATION, AND AMPLY QUOTING ARAFAT TO CAST DOUBT ON PLO'S WILLINGNESS TO CO-EXIST WITH ISRAEL.

3. TWO RESOLUTIONS ARE COMING UP FOR A VOTE ON NOVEMBER 10; (A) A RESOLUTION INVITING THE PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL UN MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS; AND (2) A GENERAL RESOLUTION FOLLOWING UP LAST YEAR'S 3236 BY ESTABLISHING A UNGA COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

4. AMONG THE EC-9, FRG AND NETHERLANDS TELL US THEY WILL VOTE AGAINST BOTH RESOLUTIONS. DENMARK AND LUXEMBOURG WILL VOTE NO ON THE GENERAL RESOLUTION AND ABSTAIN ON THE INVITATION RESOLUTION. REST OF PATTERN APPEARS TO BE ONE OF EC ABSTENTION ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS. AS OF NOW, THIS INCLUDES THE UK, BUT WE HAVE HEARD THEY HAVE ASKED FOR NEW INSTRUCTIONS, PERHAPS IN ORDER NOT LEAVE THE GERMANS AND DUTCH ISOLATED. MOYNIHAN

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